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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Change of Command Scheduled for June 3

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CHARLESTON, S.C. --- Lt. Col. Edward (Ed) Fleming will assume command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, in a change of command ceremony on June 3 at 2 p.m., at the Citadel Alumni Center in Charleston, South Carolina. The public is invited to attend.

Lt. Col. Fleming replaces Lt. Col. Alvin B. Lee, the current commander of the Charleston District, who completes his two-year term as District Engineer from July 25, 2003, through June 2, 2005. Lt. Col. Lee's new assignment will be overseas with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan District.

The Charleston District is one of five districts in the South Atlantic Division and covers the State of South Carolina. As District Engineer, Fleming is responsible for planning, engineering and constructing water resource projects, and administering laws for the protection of navigable waterways and regulatory actions for the state. He oversees approximately 160 employees who are stationed not only in the district's headquarters building in Charleston, but also at three field offices in Conway, Columbia, and the Cooper River Rediversion Project at St. Stephens.

Lt. Col. Fleming comes to the Charleston District from Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C., where he served as the Assistant Director of Civil Works (East).

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The Lowell, Massachusetts, native was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1989 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. There he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management. In 1998, he graduated from the University of Maryland in College Park and earned a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Engineer Officer Advanced courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the Command and General Staff Officers Course at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Fleming has served in numerous command and staff positions during his career both in the United States and overseas. His overseas assignments are highlighted by two combat tours. In December 1990, he deployed to Iraq as an engineer platoon leader in the 1st Infantry Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm where he was decorated for valor. In February 2004, Fleming deployed to Iraq this time supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Engineer Brigade Operations Officer in the 1st Infantry Division. In 2003, he deployed on a peacekeeping mission to Kosovo. During this deployment, he was the Battalion Operations Officer for the 82nd Engineer Battalion in support of Operation Joint Guardian KFOR. Other command and staff assignments include duty as a platoon leader in Korea; a company commander at Ft. Riley, KS, and at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA; a project manager and the Deputy District Engineer in the Baltimore District; and various engineer staff officer positions in Heidelberg and Bamberg, Germany.

Fleming's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He has also been awarded the bronze de Fleury Medal and the Order of St. George.

Note: The media is asked to call the Charleston District Public Affairs Office at 329-8123 to confirm attendance, if possible.